



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Tietjen Ranch, LLC
c/o Ms. Frances La Ree Reneau
85004 Lobo Creek
Grants, NM 87020

P.O. Box 726
Prewitt, NM 87045

Re: Access to Section 19, T13N, R10W, McKinley County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Reneau:

As you may be aware, there are abandoned uranium mine workings and waste piles on the property owned by Tietjen Ranch, LLC, located at Section 19, Township 13N, Range 10W, in McKinley County, New Mexico. The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is currently investigating the condition of the mining area, as well as several abandoned uranium mines on adjacent parcels. EPA is seeking your cooperation in accessing the above-referenced property.

EPA is planning a visit to this group of abandoned uranium mines within the next six weeks and intends to observe site conditions on your property. EPA's visit will include EPA contractors and potentially responsible parties and will enable EPA and the other parties to further investigate the area and gather information that will be used in EPA's decision-making process about a possible approach to clean up the mine areas.

Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA," also known as "Superfund"), EPA has authority to access this property because it is a location from which or to which a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant has been or may have been released, and "entry is needed to determine the need for response or the appropriate response or to effectuate a response action...." (42 U.S.C. § 9604(e)(3)).

Please review and sign the attached Consent for Access document and return it to me within two weeks of your receipt of this letter. You may return it by U.S. mail, fax, or email. My contact information is as follows:

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Please contact me with any questions you may have about this letter. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Randy Nattis
Federal On-Scene Coordinator

Cc: Warren Zehner, EPA Region VI